

I support this petition, and request that the FCC maintain the suggested Morse skills testing for Amateur Extra licenses (at 5-10 wpm, 10 preferred), and support written testing on morse procedures for any class of license authorized to use telegraphy. The Amateur Extra Class license is the core group of the Amateur Radio Service, and qualification for that license and the attendant priveleges should require a rigorous test that assesses both traditional skills (like morse code) and technical skills and knowledge of both traditional and new modes of operation (like digital narrowband modes). That core of Extra Class licensees forms the basis for the continued advancement of communication technology and art, and the technical and operational leadership that the bulk of amateurs look up to and aspire.